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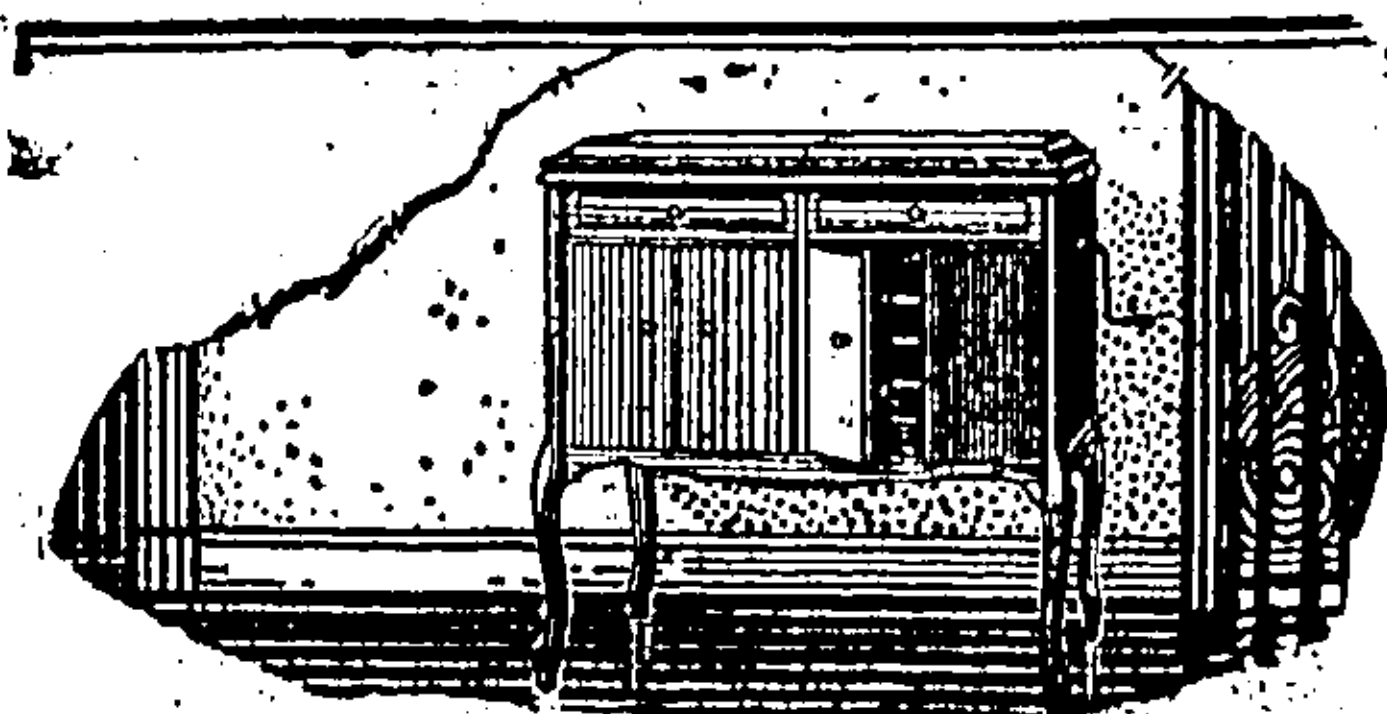
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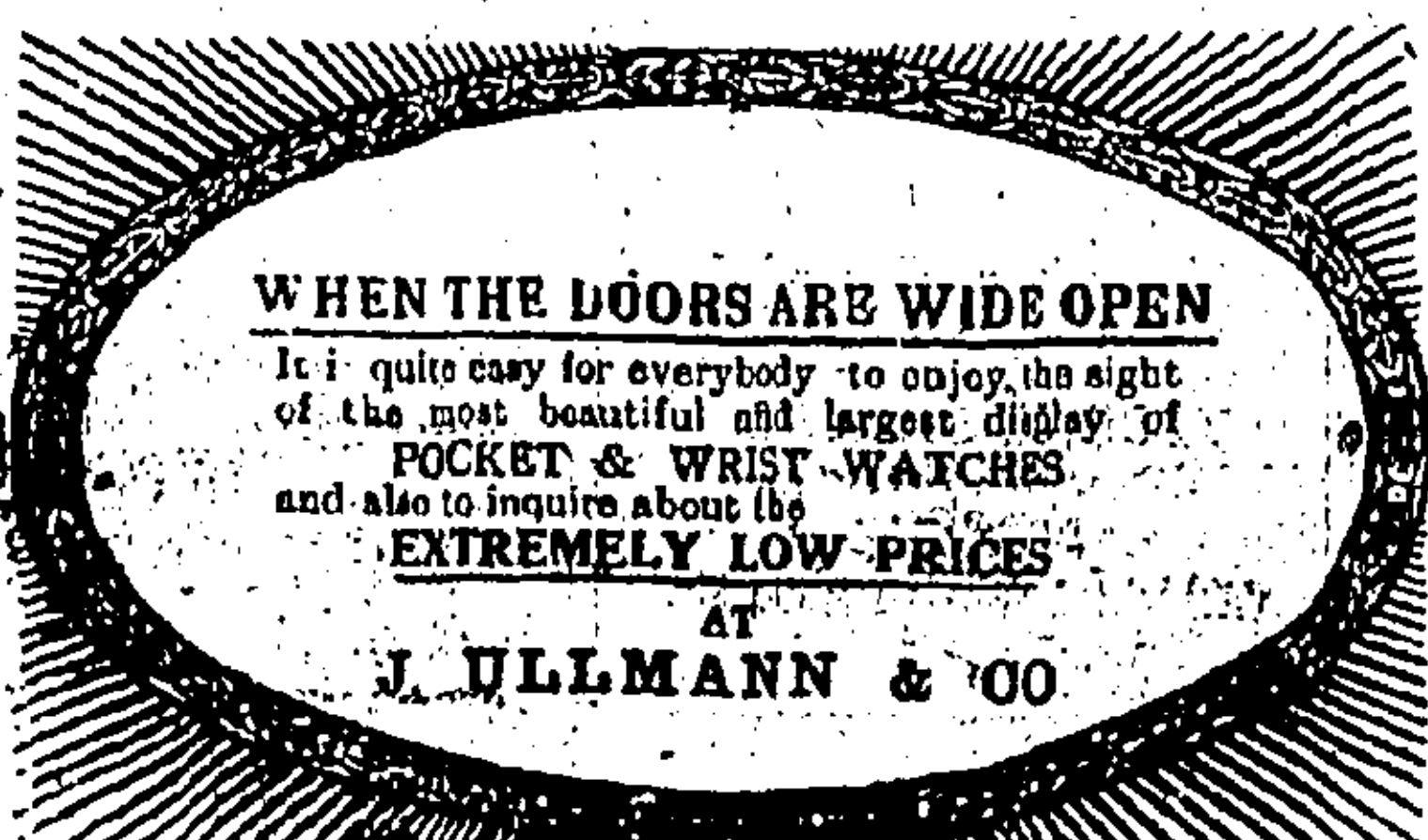
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BRITISH PREMIER'S PARIS VISIT.

LUNCHEONS WITH POINCARÉ.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, September 19.

Mr. Baldwin, remained in his hotel in the morning and was invisible and inaccessible, conferring with Sir William Tyrrell and his secretaries, Colonel Waterhouse and Mr. J. E. Davidson while Earl Crewe called early in the morning. Shortly after Earl Crewe's departure, Mr. Baldwin, accompanied by Mr. Davidson, slipped on the steps out of a side door of the hotel, and fell off for a walk along the Bois de Boulogne.

Mr. Poincaré left the Elysée to meet Mr. Baldwin at luncheon at the British Embassy at one o'clock. Other guests were Earl Crewe, Sir William Tyrrell, Mr. Davidson and the interpreter M. Caceres, who was telegraphically summoned from Geneva, his presence indicating conversations after luncheon to deal with the technical side of negotiations.

"COMMON AGREEMENT" ESTABLISHED.

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Poincaré left the Embassy respectively at 3.55 p.m. and 4 p.m. Their conversation was private, the interpreter being the only other present.

A communiqué stated:—"The Anglo-French Premiers took advantage of their meeting to exchange views on the general political situation. It is not to be expected that in the course of one meeting Mr. Poincaré and Mr. Baldwin will be able to settle any definite solution but they were happy to establish common agreement in their views and to discover that on no question is there any purpose of divergence of principle which could impair co-operation between the two countries whereon depends so much the settlement and peace of the world."

NOT A CONFERENCE.

Mr. Baldwin, accompanied by Earl Crewe, motored to Rambouillet to take tea with M. Millerand. It is expected that Mr. Baldwin will remain in Paris overnight. The French Cabinet meets tomorrow. It is authoritatively stated in London that the meeting cannot be described as a conference. It is only natural that Mr. Baldwin passing through Paris, is anxious to make the acquaintance of M. Poincaré. It is premature to talk of meetings of the Cabinet on Mr. Baldwin's return while it is recognised that the meeting of the Premiers can only be productive of good.

ITALY AND GREECE.

INCIDENTS CLOSED.

ATHENS, September 19.

The funeral service at Tellini was solemnly celebrated in the Catholic Cathedral of St. Denis in the presence of all government officials, and members of the Diplomatic Service. Simultaneously with the service the allied squadron entered the Bay of Phaleron led by the Italian battleships "Conte di Cavour" and "Giulio Cesare" followed by destroyers and the British light cruiser "Cardiff" the French cruiser "Mulhouse". The Greek Fleet fired a salute of 21 guns. The commander of the allied squadron was notified of the funeral service after which the squadron withdrew returning the Greek salute; thus the principal conditions of the ambassadors' note have been carried out.

LIQUOR ON SHIPS.

AGREEMENT PROPOSED.

WASHINGTON, September 19.

Great Britain has replied to Mr. Secretary Hughes' proposal for an Anglo-American agreement on the questions of liquor on ships and liquor smuggling. Officials describe it "in general not sympathetic." They understand, however, that Great Britain has proposed to submit the American proposals to the Imperial Conference. Officials regard the British reply as leaving open the possibility of double barreled, limiting rum running, but facilitating liquor shipments in American waters in foreign vessels.

NAVAL ENQUIRY.

CAUSE OF AMERICAN DISASTER.

SAN DIEGO, September 19.

At the Naval Court of inquiry into the loss of seven destroyers on September 9, Lieutenant Blodgett, Navigating Officer of the destroyer "Delphy," testified that "bearings" of the flotilla were received by wireless from Point Aguillo and gave their position as north of that station. This was so far from their own reckoning, which placed them south of the station, that they assumed the reversed figures were intended and plotted a course accordingly never doubting the correctness of the assumption until the vessels struck.

RELIEF.

GENEROUS DONATIONS.

LONDON, September 19.

The Lord Mayors Japanese relief fund, now totals £185,000. The Liverpool Cotton Association has given £1,050 the Japanese staff of the bank of Taiwan £80. The Japan Society has collected a further £1,020. The Marseilles Chamber of Commerce has voted 10,000 francs.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

AMERICA ADMITS THEM.

WASHINGTON, September 19.

Two hundred Russian refugees have been detained at Seattle and Vancouver because the September quota was exceeded. They will, owing to conditions in Japan due to the earthquake, be admitted to the United States under the October quota.

JAPAN'S HUGE LOAN.

TOKYO, September 19.

It is reported that the Government proposes to float a loan of \$10,000,000 for reconstruction purposes.

PROBING PEOPLE'S POCKETS.

GERMANY'S LATEST TERROR.

FOREIGN CURRENCY RAIDS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, September 19.

It is officially stated that \$3,120 and £36 and various other sums in foreign currencies were obtained from the raids yesterday. Many foreigners appeared at police headquarters this morning and demanded their money back. The demand will be acceded to if they are able to prove they were only visiting Germany or engaged in business, but foreigners residing in Germany are apparently to be treated similarly to Germans and not have foreign money returned.

EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES SCHEME.

LONDON, September 19.

The Bulletin, the journal of the Federation of British Industries, emphasises the necessity of immediate steps to advertise British products if British industry wishes to share orders for the reconstruction of Tokyo and Yokohama. The Federation is prepared if sufficiently supported, to organise a collective propaganda scheme in the Japanese press on behalf of the members interested in reconstructing materials and to extend the scheme to other industries if it is successful. It has been also suggested that the Federation form a group of non-competitive manufacturers for the purpose of sending out to Japan a technical representative to take charge of their interests and advise as regards the extent to which stocks of materials can be carried locally.

COTTON TRADE COMPETITION.

OUTLOOK FOR LANCASHIRE.

LONDON, September 19.

The Chairman, Mr. Lennox Lee, at a Calico Printers' Association meeting in Manchester, referred to the keen competition experienced abroad especially Germany where productive capacity had increased to the highest pitch. Lancashire could not expect again to hold a virtual monopoly in the manufacturing of cotton goods. France, Japan and America had all heavily bought the best textile machinery. The worst trouble at present, however, was the dearthness of cotton. Lancashire must henceforth increasingly aim at improving the quality of its goods.

STILL GOING STRONG.

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER STRIKE.

NEW YORK, September 19.

There is no indication of a settlement of the newspaper strike. Only eight-page composite issues were published this morning.

TO CONFER.

NEW YORK, September 19.

The printers have accepted a proposal from the President of the Pressmen's Union to appoint a committee of five to confer with owners of newspapers with a view to a settlement of the dispute.

COLLISION.

U. S. A. WARBOATS "MEET"

WASHINGTON, September 19.

The battleship "Arkansas" and the destroyer "McFarland" collided last night during manoeuvres. The destroyer was struck forward on the port side of the bridge and was seriously damaged, proceeding under escort to Boston.

BOYCOTT.

RIOT PRECAUTIONS.

DELHI, September 19.

The National Congress sub-committee on Hindu and Moslem relations unanimously agreed to recommend the formation of a congress of Hindu and Moslem guards to suppress riots. Polling at the Congress yesterday on the resolution in favour of boycotting goods from the British Empire was 640 for and 221 against.

ANOTHER QUAKE.

INDIA THIS TIME.

ALLAHABAD, September 19.

A severe earthquake was experienced in Bijnour, 70 miles west-south-west of Allahabad in the province of Khasian on the morning of the 17th. There are as yet no details of the occurrence.

CANADIAN JAPANESE.

SUPPORT SUFFERERS.

VANCOUVER, September 19.

The Japanese population in Canada totalling 15,000, including 7,000 wage earners, have contributed \$102,000 to the earthquake relief fund. An additional \$10,000 is expected.

APPROVED IN LONDON.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE SCHEME.

LONDON, September 19.

A meeting in London of creditors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine approved a modified scheme of arrangement.

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INTIMATIONS.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Fifty cents (50 cents) per share has been declared for the half year ending 30th June, 1923.

Such Interim Dividend will be payable on and after TUESDAY, the 18th September at the offices of the Company, where shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be closed from the 7th September, 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers
Hongkong, 20th August, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 4th October 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board,
E. COCK,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 17, 1923.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that the FOURTH GYMKHANA to be held on the 6th and 8th October, 1923, close on SATURDAY next, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

RATTAN GOODS.

THE two undermentioned guide beg to announce that the prices hitherto charged have remained the same for years. Owing to the increased cost of living all manufacturers, stores and workmen are reluctantly compelled to raise their prices. At a meeting of employers and employees it was unanimously agreed that prices of goods be increased by ten per cent. and that workmen's wages be raised by seventeen per cent. This was ratified by the delegates appointed to the meeting.

THE WING HING TONG (Rattan Masters' Guild).

THE OT KWON GENERAL GUILD (Manufacturers' Masters' & Workmen's Guild).

Hongkong, August 28, 1923.

ROSE'S



LIME JUICE

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

25 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS.

POSITION WANTED.

RECOMMENDING a reliable Japanese Boy to Private Mess, or Club—Houses as Houseboy—Clean, Clever and Quiet. Please address Box No. 1449, c/o "China Mail."

TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET.—Good offices in No. 1 Duddell Street, 4 Rooms on top floor, use of lift. Apply Box No. 1450 c/o "China Mail."

TO LET.—Godown at No. 153, Praya East. Apply GANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.

FOR

FRENCH TUITION

Write to
G. MOUSSON
c/o "China Mail" office.

FRENCH LESSONS.—Experienced lady teacher is willing to take a few more pupils. Reply Box No. 1445, c/o "China Mail."

INTIMATIONS

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER: HONGKONG RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE.

SUPPLIES OF SECOND HAND CLOTHING.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE of Local Ladies under the presidency of Mrs. E. D. C. WOLFE has been formed for the purpose of receiving and handing over to the Relief Committee for despatch to the devastated areas in Japan parcels of second-hand European clothing of all descriptions for adults and children.

The Committee will be in attendance at the City Hall daily from Monday, 17th inst. to Saturday, 22nd inst. between 11 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Parcels sent by messengers should be addressed to the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Committee.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.
HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1923.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

HONGKONG RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS LISTS for the above Fund are open at the following places:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.
Mercantile Bank of India.
International Banking Corporation.
Netherlands Trading Society.
Yokohama Specie Bank.
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary.
HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the City Hall on FRIDAY, 28th inst., at 5.45 p.m.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th September, 1923.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road Central on TUESDAY, the 2nd of October, 1923, at 11 A.M.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 2nd of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAFFRANK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. M. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of September, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshuipo in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the 1st July, 1894, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 24 years, less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.		Boundary Measurements.		Area in Acres, Roods and Perches.		Approximate Area in Acres.	
No. of Lot.	Reg. No.	N.	S.	E.	W.	Ac.	Rd.
1	1000	57 1/2	57 1/2	57	57	10.75	10.75

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TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each. (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Wrexham, Denbigh, Guardians have at present no unemployed to provide for in their area.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, was operated on for appendicitis in London.

One horse was hurt to death and two others were injured in a fire at Queen's mews, Peckstone.

The Queen's Hall Promenade Concerts, conducted by Sir Henry Wood, will be held every week-nights for 10 weeks, beginning on August 11.

Mr. Hugh Sullivan Brooke, nephew of the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, and for 14 years conductor of the Lyceum Theatre orchestra, has died, aged 37.

Registered unemployed in Great Britain on July 2 numbered 1,191,490, 2,341 more than in the preceding week, but 294,478 fewer than on January 1.

The Naval Committee of the French Senate has reported favourably on the Bill ratifying the Washington Treaty for the limitation of naval armaments.

Mr. Omsby-Gore, replying to a question on the imports of spirits into the Bahamas, said the value of such imports in 1918 was £6,370, while last year it was £1,003,721. He thought practically the whole of the increase was due to prohibition in America.

The Prince of Wales, presiding at the festival banquet of the Royal Society of St. George at the Guildhall, took for his theme "England as Home." "We know that there is no better place," he declared, "and we know that if we have to leave it we are never really happy till we get back again."

At the concluding session of the British Legion Conference a number of resolutions were adopted, including one declaring that the "King's Roll," or national scheme for the employment of disabled ex-service men, was a failure, and calling upon the Government to pass a measure to enforce the employment of such men in duties they were able to perform satisfactorily.

Sir George Fuller, Premier of New South Wales, announces that agreement had been reached with the Imperial Government on the main terms of the most ambitious scheme of migration and land settlement which Australia has yet attempted. It provides for the settlement of 6,000 selected British migrants and an expenditure of about £9,000,000.

Having heard the evidence in the action brought by Mrs. Gray, claiming damage from Miss God for enticing her husband away, the jury found for defendant, and judgment was entered accordingly with costs.

At the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Club at Stratford-on-Avon the governors announced a new scheme for an endowment fund for the Shakespeare Stratford Memorial Theatre. A sum of £100,000 is required to extend the activities of the theatre.

In Washington public opinion in favour of American participation in the Supreme International Court at The Hague is steadily growing, but at the same time it is felt that there are serious technical difficulties, which are now being considered by the authorities.

A body recovered from the sea at Brighton was identified at the inquest as that of Arthur Douglas Gray, 59, a fish clerk who lived in Whitaker Street, London, S.W. The widow stated that he left home on July 3 to go to work as usual and was never seen again. A verdict of Found Drowned was returned.

At the resumed meeting of the International Congress of Matres de Danse, a special belt for lady dancers was produced. It is christened "the Princess Lily" and has in front a metal plate with three studs, which it is claimed will tend to preserve a due distance between partners. The instrument is a sort of anti-bunny hug.

According to French Officers in the occupied area, life has become much more agreeable for them since the conviction and sentence of the Krupp directors, the explanation being that force, the only argument which appeals to the German mind, is telling its tale. At the same time an increased activity on the part of secret societies is recorded.

The United States Government is gravely concerned over the liquor smuggling operations, and asserts that it is seriously handicapped by the refusal of the British Government to consent to the search and seizure of merchant vessels beyond the three-mile limit. It is admitted, however, that the British and Canadian authorities are willing to co-operate in other ways to combat the evil.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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THE FALL OF NINEVEH.

HOW HISTORY MUST BE RE-WRITTEN.

The annual general meeting of the British Academy was held in mail week in the rooms of the Royal Society. The Earl of Balfour was re-elected president, the fellows elected being Messrs. Percy Stratford Allen, William Crooke, H. J. C. Grierson, W. Ernest Johnson, John Lynton Myres, and Louis Claude Purser.

The first paper read was on the fall of Nineveh, by Mr. C. J. Gadd, of the British Museum staff.

A clay tablet, he explained, had been found inscribed with a chronicle of the chief events during eight years of the reign of Nabopolassar, King of Babylon and leader of the Babylonian forces in the siege of Nineveh, and including the year in which Nineveh was captured and destroyed. This placed the date of the fall of the city at 612 B.C., instead of the generally accepted date 606. It showed that four years before Assyria was already beset by enemies and gradually sinking under their converging attacks in a series of battles and sieges. The southern defences went first and Nineveh at last was captured and destroyed.

But the chronicle showed that the Kingdom did not perish with the King, but was transferred to the western capital of Harran, where a new King ascended the throne of Assyria, maintaining his existence against the attacks of the Scythians and Babylonians by the help of the Egyptian alliance until 610.

ROUT OF THE ASSYRIAN.

The chronicle confirms tradition as to the enemies through whom Nineveh fell, Kyaxeres having probably been the leading figure among the besiegers. Kyaxeres started his attack in 614, but in the following year the Assyrian King marched against him with success. In 612 the Babylonians, Medes, and Scythians combined for the last successful attack upon the city. Between June and August three battles took place before the walls, ending in the total rout of the Assyrians under Galanes, the brother-in-law of Sardanapallus. Unhappily the text breaks with the words "At that time Sinsarishkum, king of Assyria."

The break was disappointing, but it is sufficient to show the identity of the last Ninevite king and to prove that he was not Sardanapallus, which was a mere corrupted version of Ashurbanipal. "The last Ninevite king was no besotted Syriac, but a soldier who long and successfully stood a world of enemies and a statesman who knew how to convert formerly implacable enemies into faithful allies, a claim substantiated in full by other passages in the chronicle."

History also had to be re-written from the chronicle in that the fall of Nineveh did not result in the immediate fall of Assyria. A sort of make that broke through the ring of besiegers and re-established Assyrian authority at Harran. Harran, that lay upon the main route to the Mediterranean, had long been a sort of provincial capital, and in it was the residence of the commander-in-chief, a dignity second only to the King. Egypt as far back as 616 had started co-operating with the King of Assyria in a campaign on the Euphrates, and it was doubtless for this reason that Ashurbanipal founded the new kingdom in Harran. History has again to be rewritten in the sense that it was no part of Egyptian policy to attempt to secure a share of Assyrian spoils, but aimed at supporting at any cost the tottering empire. Egyptian help came too late, and Harran fell to the barbarous Scythians in 610.

TOLD BY THE PARISH PRIEST.

At Canesi, in Cuba lives the Reverend Father Teodoro Villanueva, a priest who, like so many others, lived in the village a family of whom I was an intimate friend. The oldest daughter, a beautiful child twelve years of age, looked as if her life were fading away. She was so very weak and so depressed in spirit that she felt no desire for anything but solitude.

"I loved this family, and therefore went into consultation with several physicians desiring of all my confidence, but no one seemed to know what to do in so strange a case, usual treatment to overcome the weakness having proved unavailing."

"At about this time a few booklets regarding Dr. Williams' pink pills came into my hands, and reading in them testimonials of similar cases I sent for some bottles of the pills and took them to Mr. Julio Sore, father of the child. I own truthfully say that the improvement was so rapid that in about fifteen days we had the pleasure of noticing the child cheerful and happy, full of colour and life. Everything in her seemed to have undergone a change, instead of being pale as before, she now had a rosy complexion, and her mind, before clouded by her malady, was now clear."

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DEATH.

BULL.—Catharina Bull, wife of Captain Henrick Bull, died at the French Hospital, Hongkong, this morning, September 20, 1923. (Shanghai) and Manila papers please copy.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 20, 1923.

HOLLAND.

No sooner are the celebrations at an end in connection with a reign that has reached such a lengthy period and has been fruitful of much good, than Queen Wilhelmina is forced to point out the condition in which her hitherto presumably prosperous country finds itself. The news seems staggering but simply points anew to the condition in which Europe is in at the moment. Holland was not one of the participants in the war. It is more than likely that her neutrality, from whatever reasons it was dictated, was a prolonged period of suspense and of injury to her trade and commerce. No reasons, so far as the cable news is concerned, are given either by the Queen or the Finance Minister of the Dutch Government as to the huge deficits which are anticipated in 1924. Draconic economies are proposed to meet the deficits and in these the Queen, setting a royal example which it is pleasing to note, will share. The Speech from the throne admits that the financial and economic situation, as is well known, disquieting, and that whilst relations with other powers are friendly, the international situation is still uncertain. The state of political economic collapse left by

the war continues and the interests of humanity require a change and a wish is expressed for speedy solutions of pending problems thus opening the road towards urgently necessary restoration. These are simple statements of fact tolerably well known but seemingly impossible to impregnate in the intelligences of a few of the directors of European Governments. Coming from the head of a peaceful country with almost startling suddenness—a country possessed of wealthy Colonies, and with whom it was imagined all was well, the need for drastic European reform is once more brought to the fore. We have seen this made reference to the fact that the coming winter in England is causing a considerable amount of worry, due to the fact that unemployment is more than likely to be on the increase, a menace, to good government and a canker and a sore difficult to heal. Holland and other countries who have not huge war debts on their books, and other legacies of war to deal with, are probably more fortunately situated than Great Britain, but it is more than evident that the future is causing almost as much anxiety in such countries as Holland as it is in England. America is also suffering. A splendid isolation cannot be maintained where trade and commerce is concerned, and where such is being hampered by the intricacies of fluctuating exchange, high and unbearable costs and volcanic conditions of mind and heart which do not tend to "roses, roses, all the way." We hoped the other day that the corner had been turned in the mystifying road of European politics; that with the raising of the traffic barriers in the Rhine district, the possibility of a cessation of submissive or passive, there may be a difference—resistance, in

the Ruhr district on the part of the Germans; the fact that the German Government is attempting the seemingly impossible in putting her finances on an enduring gold basis; and if we may again say so, the temporary cessation of the French Premier's hobby of unveiling war memorials and delivering Poincaréan orations of a martial order or ardour, the situation was indeed full of hope and that the end was in sight or had been reached. Poincaré, and now Mussolini, notwithstanding, we still want to think so.

Two Matters.

(1) ARMS.

Reasonably minded people will not only applaud the action which the Government is taking over the collection of arms, but its method in attempting to do so. It might have been done differently—in a ruthless manner akin to Prussianism. Those who now possess arms unknown to the Government have no possible form of excuse left to them, and the suggested manner of their return is as gentle and as diplomatic as any thing of the kind could possibly be. Herds of households can materially assist the Government in bringing this matter to the notice of their principal servants, and the same should be done by these in control of offices, wards, etc. Doubtless notices will be inserted in the Chinese press and posted on hoardings. The procedure now adopted and suggested will probably not end the evil, but it should go a long way in that direction. We sincerely hope so and urge our Chinese friends of light and leading to exert whatever influence they may have.

(2) A CLEARING HOUSE.

On Saturday the community had the choice of no fewer than five attractions at which to spend its evening hours of relaxation, and as a result most if not all suffered from the attendance point of view. Five may not seem a formidable number, but it is so when the amusement loving public is not necessarily large, and is scattered over a fairly wide area. The brief suggestion of a "Clearing House," which we made in our Monday's issue we hope a feasible one. We suggest that someone might be willing to receive a note of the public social engagements of the various Clubs, etc., and collate them. Should be find that a number of them are due to take place on the same evening, he would get in touch with those concerned and ascertain if it would be possible to change dates so as to give each function a chance of greater success. This would seem very desirable where the Sacred Cause of Charity is one of the objects in view. We would also suggest that the claims of visiting professional brethren should be taken into account to the utmost degree. The idea would probably not appeal to those who prefer to plough a lonely furrow and who are unable to see beyond their own selfish aims; but such a scheme appears to us very desirable and a step forward in the direction of a happy communal life.

Harnessing Volcanoes.

When Lord Carnarvon died from an insect bite he got in the tomb of Tutankhamen people murmured of "ancient curses" and said it was a judgment on him for despoiling the burial place of the Pharaohs. If it had been more generally known that last month Japanese professors were arranging to conduct experiments to test the possibility of using volcanic heat for man's advantage instead of his occasional destructions we would probably have had there some people, telling us that the calamity at Yokohama and Tokio was Nature's revenge for this attempt to probe her secrets and meddle with the processes by which she periodically demonstrates her superiority over puny man. The idea the Japanese experts had in view was commercial power from volcanic heat. The power is there all right but the problem is how to get hold of any of that energy. If only a way could be found of collecting and transmitting volcanic energy in modulated doses the Japanese professors could doubtless arrange to warm the world and run all its machinery. There is another important "if" and that is that if volcanoes had the steady and calculable habits of a Niagara the task would be much more simple. However, as a Home paper, points out, modern man is a miracle-monger who has an amazing record for confounding sceptics, and perhaps we may yet have to amend Kipling into an assurance that

all unseen
Vesuvius hauls the 9.15.

To-day's Poem.

(A Creed.)

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer."

I would be **humble** for there is much to dare;
I would be **friend** of all—the foe—the friendless;
I would be **giving**, and forget the gift;
I would be **humble**, for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh and love—and lift.

H. A. WALTER.

THE SONGSTRESS.

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Enchanting Howland lays;
So sweet and low and murmuring,
To cheer our lonely days.

O'er tropic bay near rolling sea
And mystic Isle Hong-Kong—
The rumbling surf a symphony,
Accompanied every song.

There by a sweet old melody—
Or, childhood lullabies;
Our souls were brought in harmony
With worlds of great embrace:

And sent abroad in space where
The blends of every hue;
Reflected from the sunset spell,
We longing exiles knew:

Vibrating to the sonnet strings
Attuned to every heart;
Releasing chords on Friendship's wings
For loved ones far apart:

Through songs which are akin to all
In tune with Nature's best;
Her rhythmic voice there gave the call—
To mingle with the blest.

JOHN KYOTO.

1923.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 20.—Coronet Theatre:
Jack Hoxie in "Don Quixote of Rio Grande."

September 20.—Star Theatre:
Jenny Hasselquist in "Guarded Lips."

September 20.—World Theatre:
Douglas Fairbanks in "Robin Hood."

September 22.—Theatre Royal;
Bandman's Eastern Circuit Comedy Company's opening performance at 9.15 p.m.

September 24.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Bluebeard's 8th Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 25.—Theatre Royal;
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Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Windows," 9.15 p.m.

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October 6.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.

September 24.—At P.W.D. Offices, 2 lots of Crown Land, 3 p.m.

September 21.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, the s.s. "Chekiang," 3 p.m.

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September 28.—Annual general meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, 6.45 p.m.

October 2.—Ordinary general meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

October 5.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Timah Rubber Estates Ltd. has declared a dividend of 5 per cent.

On and after Monday, September 24th the Asia Banking Corporation will be located in new quarters, Prince's Building, Ice House Street.

The case in which four men were charged with stealing pistol ammunition from the s.s. "Yarra" was finished at the criminal sessions yesterday. Three of the men were sentenced to 10 years' jail and the fourth to 5 years.

PREFERENCE.

IMPERIAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE.

Correspondence of considerable interest to merchants has passed between the Hongkong Government and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the recommendations of the Imperial Customs Conference, 1921.

The "Report of the Imperial Customs Conference" explains that the Conference was suggested by the Union of South Africa "to reach a common basis interpreting particulars required from exporters in the value of goods for the purpose of ad valorem duties and the conditions under which Preference tariff rates are levied."

The report remarks that unification of Customs Procedure would be of inestimable value to the commercial community of the whole world. Nevertheless the Conference realized that complete uniformity was impossible and indeed, perhaps, inadvisable, in that the Customs Legislation of the various Dominions had been framed in the light of the fact that they are members of a world-wide trading community as well as parts of the Empire. Geographical factors, such as the contiguity of Canada and the United States of America, involving questions of rail transit and business connections unknown to other Dominions, raise problems which apply only to particular Dominions and cannot be solved by mere uniformity of procedure.

As to conditions of Preference, the Conference made a general recommendation that all Dominions should only grant preferential rates of duty on goods on which the final process of manufacture took place in the United Kingdom or other Dominion or Colony which, under the laws of the various Dominions, is entitled to preference; further, that where the whole process of manufacture of goods from raw material of foreign origin had been carried out in the United Kingdom, preferential rates of duty should be granted by the Dominions, even though the value of this process of manufacture amounts to less than the usually prescribed 25 per cent.

The use of the term "United Kingdom" is preferred to "British" and in this connection it is noted that certain Dominions limit their preference to goods of United Kingdom origin, others to goods of Dominions and Colonies which give reciprocal treatment, or to certain limited parts of the Empire, while New Zealand grants preference to goods from any and all parts of the Empire.

An extract from the "Board of Trade Journal," of September 28, 1922, states that the forms of invoice and certificate of value and origin, recommended by the Imperial Customs Conference, have been adopted by and must be used in their entirety for shipments of British goods to the following self-governing Dominions and Colonies: Australia (from 1st January, 1923) but the forms will be accepted for present shipments.)

Cyprus (except for refined sugar, extracts of sugar and molasses, and manufactured tobacco.)
New Zealand, Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Vincent, Fiji.

Qualified acceptance of the Conference's recommendations is recorded in the cases of—
Jamaica, British Guiana, Union of South Africa and Trinidad, Newfoundland, Gold Coast.

The Chamber was asked to advise the Government upon a memorandum from the Board of Trade as to the applicability of a standard form of "certificate of value and origin" in the case of Hongkong. The question was referred to the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong and their reply, as follows, was transmitted to the Government:—

It is clear that the recommendations of the Conference are particularly directed to the case of the United Kingdom in so far as it levies import duties, and of those Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates of the British Empire which levy similar duties and are therefore in a position to give a preference to the United Kingdom; including, in some cases, other parts of the Empire. Paragraph 1 of the report indicates this when it states the object of the Conference to be—
"to reach a common basis in interpreting particulars required from exporters in respect of the value of goods for the purpose of ad valorem duties and the conditions under which Preference tariff rates are levied."

Hongkong, as a Colony which admits the goods of all countries freely and levies no duties upon imported goods, except for purposes of excise, has no means of giving preference to other parts of the British Empire, but is clearly entitled to preference on certain exports to the United Kingdom. (See Hongkong Government Notifications Nos. 152 of 4th April, 1910; 278 of 20th June, 1910; 300 of 26th August, 1919; and 600 of 28th November, 1910). The last

mentioned notification includes copy of regulations made by the Board of Trade under Section 8 (Imperial Preference) of the Finance Act, 1910, providing that goods shall not be deemed to have been manufactured in the British Empire unless 25 per cent. of their total value is the result of labour within the Empire. The Imperial Customs Conference made a recommendation that "the whole process of manufacture of goods from raw material of foreign origin had been carried out in the United Kingdom—for other part of the Empire entitled to preferential rates of duty—preferential rates of duty should be granted even though the value of this process of manufacture amounted to less than the prescribed 25 per cent."

Exports from Hongkong to New Zealand are also given preferential treatment, that Dominion having granted preference to the exports of every part of the Empire, subject to certain requirements as to British manufacture, with which certain important exports from Hongkong comply. Other smaller areas of the Empire give a preference to British goods from any part of the Empire, but Canada, Australia and other important Dominions, etc., limit their preference, it is understood, to goods of United Kingdom origin.

In this connection, the Committee of the Exporters' Association cordially endorses the suggestion of Mr. T. F. Barrows, Comptroller of Customs, Nigeria, in Enclosure 2 in Circular Despatch of 20th July, 1921, in which he calls attention to "the need for regular issues, say every two or three years, of volumes of Customs and trade laws; and regulations in operation in each Colony, containing explanatory notes of Customs practice and any information of interest to the commercial community." Through lack of information as to provisions of the Tariff Acts of certain Colonies and Dominions of the Empire, and the steps to be taken to comply with them, Hongkong may be losing the advantage of rebates which are open to her at the present time.

The practicability of preferential rates of tariff as between all parts of the British Empire did not come within the terms of reference of the Imperial Customs Conference. Such a policy, if adopted, would be of considerable value to Hongkong. At present, so far as is known, universal preference within the Empire is only given by New Zealand and one or two small Colonies with each of which Hongkong's trade is small. If the larger Dominions gave an Empire preference of which Hongkong could take advantage, the benefits to local trade would be considerable. Hongkong, as a Free Trade Port, can scarcely take the initiative in raising a discussion of this question which is one for Colonies levying import duties to decide for themselves. In the opinion of this Association, however, this aspect of Empire preference should be kept steadily before the notice of the Hongkong Government in order that, if the question should arise at the next Imperial Conference or at any time, Hongkong's opinion may be given in favour of universal Empire Preference.

Coming now to the Board of Trade's Circular Letter, dated 25th April, 1923, on which the Hongkong Government has asked the advice of the Chamber of Commerce, it is not quite clear whether the Board of Trade intend to convey the suggestion that the "Combined Certificate of Value and Origin" can be adapted, by deletions, etc., for use by those who export goods from any part of the British Empire to any other part. This Committee's understanding of the Circular is that it seeks to persuade all Colonies which levy import duties (whether they give a preference or not) to adopt the same form of certificate and to require its use in respect of British goods principally those emanating from the United Kingdom. At any rate, it can scarcely be the intention to suggest that Hongkong should require exporters in other parts of the Empire to use so elaborate a form in respect of shipments to Hongkong, when such detailed particulars are not necessary under the local Free Trade system.

The "Combined Certificate of Value and Origin" is required, solely by those Colonies which have adopted the system of tariffs upon imports and it seems hardly necessary or desirable that Hongkong, which has no practical experience of their problems, should express an opinion on the details or suggested amendments of the import form which they require in connection with their tariff systems. The exact wording of the form having been agreed upon by the Colonies concerned, it only remains for Hongkong to comply with its requirements. The form may seem to local exporters to be intricate as compared with our simpler form, but if the countries intimately concerned require such a form as the one under discussion Hongkong can but comply.

Manifestly, nothing but concurrence can be expressed with the principle of a uniform customs form for the whole British Empire. It seems open to question, however, whether other parts of the Empire will require the use of the new form by Colonies to which they do not grant a preference. As to that question no clear ruling can be discovered in the documents considered by this Association and perhaps the Government can obtain a decision from the Home Authorities.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

RETURN OF THE WARDEN.

A successful concert was held on Friday last at St. Stephen's College. This had been arranged by the students and was given in honour of the return of the Warden, the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, M.A., B.D., after two years in England owing to ill health.

Mr. Hewitt's return had been eagerly awaited, and the hearty welcome he received was a mark of the affection and esteem in which he is held by all connected with St. Stephen's.

Mr. F. A. Britton, in the name of the whole school, extended a very hearty welcome to Mr. Hewitt. He said how glad one and all were to see him well again and back at his post as Warden. He thought that Mr. Hewitt would find the same high tone and good feeling in the school which marked it two years ago. Finally he thanked the staff and prefects for their loyal help and support.

Mr. Hewitt, who was received with great applause said that two years absence was a long time; but he had tried hard to return sooner and had been forbidden by the doctors to do so. He spoke warmly of the good work done by Mr. Martin and his absence. He was very pleased indeed to find the school doing so well in work and games, and to notice that the numbers had risen from 130 when he went away to more than 200. He said that it was not possible to say anything definite about plans for the future as he had not had sufficient time to find out exactly how matters stood with regard to the proposed New Building Scheme. But he mentioned the good work done by the 1922 students in raising money for the fund, and said that he knew the Old Boys were doing valuable work.

Mr. Hewitt went on to say that he did not regret his time spent in England as altogether wasted as he had during that time met Mr. Warner and Mr. Quirk, who were now working at St. Stephen's; and he had also brought with him Mr. Price who would prove a valuable addition to the staff. Mr. Hewitt mentioned that he and Mr. Price arrived at Yokohama soon after the great disaster. He spoke of the dreadful plight of the survivors and said that he had promised in the name of St. Stephen's to help in the work of relief. In conclusion he thanked everyone for their cordial welcome.

After Mr. Price had responded in a few well chosen words, the Rev. C. B. Shanm made a short speech in which he spoke of the efficient way in which Mr. Britton had carried out his duties as Acting Warden. It was no easy position to fill and Mr. Britton was to be heartily congratulated on the way he had done his work.

During the evening refreshments were served and a varied and interesting programme was carried out.

"I certainly think that every person travelling between this country and the Far East should make a point of the outward or the homeward journey, of passing through Canada." This statement was made by Sir Edward Crowe, Commercial Counsellor to H.B.M.'s Embassy at Tokyo, now home on leave. There are, at present, great and immediate prospects in regard to the cultivation of the meat trade between the Dominion and the Far East, but he was also persuaded that in the future Canada is going to have far larger commercial relations, generally, with Japan.

whether other parts of the Empire will require the use of the new form by Colonies to which they do not grant a preference. As to that question no clear ruling can be discovered in the documents considered by this Association and perhaps the Government can obtain a decision from the Home Authorities.

HONGKONG SHARE-
HOLDERS.

ARE THEY APATHETIC?

"DON'T CARE A DAMN"

LOCAL DIRECTORS' CRITICISM.

That they are apathetic and "don't care a damn," was the accusation levelled against Hongkong shareholders in general by one of the Directors (Mr. W. A. Dowley) at a meeting held this morning for the purpose of winding up the Hongkong Hide and Leather Company Ltd.

There was a notably small attendance of shareholders, and it took some time to scrape up a quorum. Eventually Mr. A. G. Coppin took the chair, others present being Messrs W. A. Dowley, C. H. Blake, E. P. Powell (Secretary), D. H. Blake (Solicitor) and the following shareholders: Messrs A. D. Humphreys, Ng Ah-pai, and C. W. Y. Yung.

The Chairman said it was a matter of considerable regret that they had to put to the meeting a resolution for winding up. He had had a preliminary statement of their affairs drawn up and it showed a deficiency of \$200,000. Certain creditors were pressing for payment and he might say that they were considerably justified in pressing. It was a matter of fact that the mortgagees of the Company's property who had sent a notice of foreclosure. "We have not sufficient capital to pay it and therefore," Mr. Coppin concluded. "The Chairman then moved:

That it has been proved to the satisfaction of this meeting that the Company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up the same and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily.

And that Sydney Heywood Ross of 5 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

After this proposition had been seconded by Mr. A. D. Humphreys, and the Chairman had invited questions, Mr. Pepperell asked whether there was any concrete offer on the part of the liquidator for the property as it stands, or whether it would be necessary to go to a public auction?

Mr. Blake, the Company's solicitor, replied that there was no offer for the property but that there were two or three firms interested and one had even accepted a firm offer of a modest amount which would be received in the near future. Otherwise it might be necessary for the property to be sold by auction. That would, of course, be up to the liquidator.

Mr. A. D. H. replied that the liquidator was likely to allow for the disposal of the property. He pointed out that if it came to a forced sale they might have to sacrifice it.

Mr. Blake said the mortgagees had given a notice which would expire on September 25. However, he thought they might be confident the mortgagees would give them every facility for a good sale though there was no promise from them of further time.

The Chairman, I should like to support what Mr. Blake has said by saying that the mortgagees have been carrying us on since last January and they feel now that a time limit must be set.

Mr. Pepperell asked what had happened to the proposal of the Commercial Company who had previously been so enthusiastic about carrying on the concern.

The Chairman said the position of the Commercial firm was that they said "if you can raise sufficient working capital we will back our opinion as to the good prospects of this venture by putting up \$40,000 ourselves." We found we could not do it.

Mr. Pepperell explained that he was merely asking these questions because he anticipated that during the next few days they would be addressed to him dozens of times by shareholders.

"I think," said Mr. W. A. Dowley, "that the general apathy of the shareholders is scandalous. They have not helped us one bit. We have been working hard to get this thing going and a great deal is due to Mr. Coppin. He went to a tremendous amount of trouble and tried to get people to help us but the general shareholders have never lifted a finger. It shows the general apathy of the whole of Hongkong in this respect. When anything is floated in this place and one asks 'shall we carry on or what shall we do?' they don't care a damn. That is the whole position. It is very disheartening to a board of directors to carry on anything in this Colony. Supposing we had got these Canton tanners to put up \$40,000, the mortgagees have not fortunately made up their minds to have their whisk and that would have left us very little capital to carry on with."

After this the Chairman's motion was carried unanimously and the meeting dispersed.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING.

Eight bills, four of them new and four up for the second reading, came before the Legislative Council at this afternoon's meeting.

There were present:—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.

His Excellency Major-General Sir J. S. Fowler, K.C., K.C.M.G.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.M.S.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.M.G.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halliday, C.M.G., C.M.S.

The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cross.

The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. H. B. Pollock, C.M.G., C.M.S.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kenealy.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Tang.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holway.

The Hon. Mr. Chan Shook.

Mr. S. B. McEllery, Clerk of Councils.

FIRST READINGS CARRIED.

The first readings of the bills to provide for the preservation of certain portions of the statute laws (New Revised Edition) Ordinance, 1911, to regulate the Fire Brigade, to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, 1923, and to regulate the traffic in dangerous drugs were all agreed to.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

LATEST COUNCIL VOTES.

\$2,000 FOR FIRE TOWEL.

The following financial minutes, submitted by H. E. the Governor, were considered by the finance committee after the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon.

Two hundred dollars in aid of the Colonies' Secretary's Office, Second, Exp. Ind. Document Presses.

Fifteen thousand dollars in aid of the Colonies' Secretary's Office, Second, Exp. Ind. Document Presses.

Two thousand dollars on account of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Buildings, to be on Railway ground for the Fire Brigade.

ARMS AGAIN.

CASE SENT FOR TRIAL AT SESSIONS.

Old as the hills, and excuse brought forward by a good many Chinese police court defendants that they had been entrusted to do something for a friend who never turns up, was used again this morning.

A Chinese had been arrested a few days ago with three Munsters and an automatic in his possession, an Indian constable searching defendant when he was riding past Victoria Barracks in a ricksha. This morning he brought out the time-honoured plea but the police replied that they had not only given him an opportunity to find the mythical friend but had tried to do so themselves without avail.

Defendant was ordered to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

DAYLIGHT MARAUDERS.

ARMED ROBBERY PROVES UNSUCCESSFUL.

A daring attempt to commit an armed robbery was made in the heart of the Chinese business centre shortly before nine o'clock this morning. Four robbers, brandishing fire arms and daggers, rushed into the top floor of No. 71, Des Voeux Road West, which is occupied by a firm of merchants. Fortunately, somebody on the premises managed to evade the notice of the desperadoes and blew several blasts on a police whistle. At this the robbers decamped without taking any loot. The usual search parties were immediately sent out but up till this afternoon no arrest had been made.

THE PHIL.

REHEARSALS COMMENCE.

The first of the weekly rehearsals took place on Monday and was an altogether encouraging start. No fewer than 48 voices put in an "appearance" and the tone was pronounced excellent. Helpers in the Chorus and Orchestra will be made welcome and should get in touch with the Conductor Mr. T. M. Bevan whilst Mr. S. Collett the Hon. Secretary will gladly give full particulars of membership to any desirous of joining the Society.

AMOY AFFAIRS.

GENERAL'S THREAT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Amoy, September 17.

Persistent rumours are current that an attack will be launched upon Amoy in the near future, two official warnings have already been received but in both cases the alleged attacks did not develop.

General Hong Chün-jin has been given to understand that unless he attacks the city within the next few days he will be relieved of his command, and the Naval unit, now consisting of six men-of-war, has been ordered to co-operate in the attack and the threat of dismissal.

The present deadlock has now extended over seven weeks and business has suffered to such an extent that it is sincerely hoped that a definite move will soon be made, even if it necessitates the capture of the city by Cantonese troops. This will be anything but comfortable for all Chinese attacking troops have a natural tendency to look whenever an opportunity occurs.

General Chang Laping at Amoy is reported to have intimated that in the event of his army being defeated he will turn his guns on to the Settlement of Kinkang as a protest against the help which he alleges has been given to the attacking troops by the foreign powers.

Perhaps Chang thinks that he can get the foreign powers to influence the attacking troops to withdraw, in any case he had better consider his situation, for the foreign men-of-war in harbour could stand a steady fire from his guns, and as the harbour would be his only visit it is impossible to conceive that he would burn his boats before him by such an act of folly.

Firing into the Settlement is still a popular form of amusement, and on the 14th inst. ordered fire was directed at a residence in the Settlement from 3 a.m. till 4 a.m.

The H.M.S. "Albatross" called at Amoy en route for Japan with supplies. The American Ship "Albatross" has been relieved by the Ship "Hobart."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

BISHOP'S SICK WIFE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—You give prominence under this heading to the assumed fact that the Bishop in Persia recently issued a world appeal for prayers for the restoration of his wife, giving two Biblical texts one of which reads:—

"All things are possible to him that believeth."

No reasons are given why the world should be asked to take part in this effort, and taking into consideration the literal meaning of the quotation above it is difficult to understand why intervention should be made. The prayer book of the Church of England has a supplication which in part reads:—

"Finally, we commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all those, who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate, that may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions."

This is a beautiful supplication and leaves the issue clear. It seems to some of us that a Bishop should not ask for complete restoration, without a saving qualification. Perhaps the writer of your "Church Notes" would deal with the question of seeking divine aid in such a matter as the one under notice. It is a perplexing one to many, amongst others.

Yours etc.

PERPLEXED.

Hongkong, September 19.

AQUATICS.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE HOLD MEETING.

In the V.R.C. swimming pool, yesterday afternoon, by kind permission of the Club Committee, St. Paul's College annual aquatic sports were held. Though the arrangements left much to be desired, no blame attached to the Sport Master of the College, Mr. S. S. Leung, who was practically single-handed, and deserves all credit for the manner in which he got through the programme.

A curious incident occurred in the 50 yards race for juniors, all the competitors starting before the word was given and completing the course. This necessitated the race being swam the second time. No fast times were recorded, the winning seniors taking 59.45 secs. for the 100 yards, the junior 99.45 secs. and the winner of the open event 97.35 secs. The time for the 220 yds was 4 min. 50 secs.

In the open diving competition a close contest was witnessed, Tsang Tong-fong winning by a narrow margin with a tie for second place.

At the conclusion of the competition, Mrs. Crocker, senior lady teacher at St. Paul's presented the prizes, being the recipient herself of a handsome bouquet.

The results were:—Senior 50 Yards—1st, Li Man-choong; 2nd, Ho Cheuk-chai; 3rd, Tsang Tong-fong.

High Dive (Open)—1st, Tsang Tong-fong; 2nd, U. Chung-fu and Chan Kwai-sang.

Senior 100 Yards—1st, U. Man-kit; 2nd, Kwan Kone; 3rd, Li Chung-fu.

60 Yards Handicap—1st, Ho Shon-hong; 2nd, Mon Yuk-kwan.

Inter-class Race—1st, Class IIA, 100 Yards Breast (Open)—1st, Li Shu-kam; 2nd, Tsang Tong-fong; 3rd, Le Chi-hing.

Senior 220 Yards—1st, Li Man-kit; 2nd, U. Chung-fu; 3rd, Tse Shu-wa.

Long Plunge (Junior)—1st, Tsang Tong-fong; 2nd, Tsang Sun-fook; 3rd, Ma Ping-leong.

Long Plunge (Senior)—1st, U. Man-kit; 2nd, Kwan Kone; 3rd, Tse Shu-wei.

Life Saving—1st, Kwan Kone; 2nd, Li Chung-fong.

100 Yards (Old Pupils)—1st, Leung Kit-sang; 2nd, Ki Yan-cheong.

Consolation Race—1st, Tang Kwai.

BURGLAR GANG.

FOUR HOUSEBREAKERS SENT TO PRISON.

Systematic details of the history of a burglar gang who have preyed on Chinese residents in the upper levels, since the beginning of the year, were revealed in a number of prosecutions before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

One either pictures, when thinking of burglar gangs, a crowd of dandies who carry out their work in disguise or a set of rough-necks with jemmies in one hand and flash-lanterns in the other, but the four men who crawled up to the dock this morning would not have been suspected of being anything more than street coolies had it not been for the posse of special detectives who stood guard near the rails.

A number of ladies were in Court to identify their possessions but this was not necessary as the men pleaded ability to every charge but one in which the police offered no evidence.

Detective Inspector M. Earner, prosecuting, gave a list of burglaries in which the men were concerned. One dated back to February 11, when the loot was valued at \$400. Another in which \$347.00 was stolen was on February 14, at 65, Caine Road. On the night of July 25, a new unnumbered house at Prince's Terrace, was entered when the loss was estimated at \$107. Another visit was paid to Caine Road on August 8, the number of the house this time being 43, and the booty in this case was \$30. As recently as August 17, No. 10 Mosque Street was burgled and \$45 stolen.

Some of the property was recovered in pawnshops and in a house where the first defendant was arrested. Inspector Earner mentioned that stolen property was sold considerably to marine hawkers or taken to Macao and there was little hope of tracing articles disposed of in this way.

First defendant, with a previous conviction received two consecutive sentences of six months' hard labour and two concurrent sentences for the same period. The second received one concurrent sentence less. Third prisoner who was only implicated in one of the larcenies was sent to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The fourth prisoner who was described as the informer who had given the gang away got two consecutive sentences of six months' each.

SNATCHING.

BOY BIRCHED AND JAILED.

With two previous convictions to his credit, a small Chinese boy was sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning to three months' hard labour and six strokes of the birch for snatching a gold-mounted rattan handle from a baby in Stone Nullah Lane yesterday.

Divisional Inspector C. Aris, prosecuting, said that for additional security, the handle was tied to the child's wrist but this did not deter the youthful ruffian from cutting the article off. He was seen in the act by a district watchman who arrested him red-handed.

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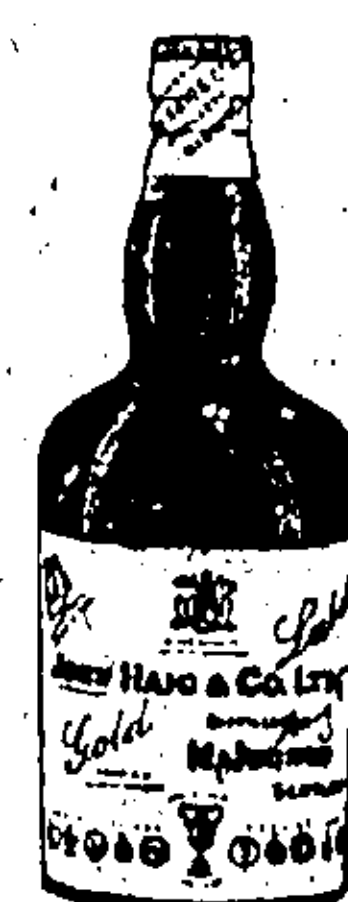
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FROM SINGAPORE.

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FROM JAPAN.

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FROM CALCUTTA.

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FROM VANCOUVER.

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BOWLS DINNER.

TAIKOO ENTERTAIN
SHANGHAI.

Tarkoo bowlers entertained the
 Shanghai interport team last night
 at a pleasant dinner in the Hong-
 kong Hotel.

Mr. J. Reid presided, and in a
 genial speech proposed the health
 of the Shanghai team, noting with
 pleasure that their old friend Mr.
 Shaw, the skipper, was amongst
 them once again. Discussing the
 game between Shanghai and
 Tarkoo, Mr. Reid remarked that, as
 on previous occasions, it was a very
 good one although the visitors did
 not this time have the best of luck.
 Mr. Reid said he knew of no game
 that excelled bowls from the social
 standpoint and he dwelt upon the
 value of interport contests as a
 means of cementing friendships in
 the Far East.

Replying on behalf of the Shang-
 hai team, Mr. Shaw said that on the
 way to Hongkong he was heart-
 ened by his fellow players with
 questions as to what they might
 expect in Hongkong. He told
 them that so far as
 Tarkoo were concerned when they
 met them on the bowling green
 they would be meeting one of the
 strongest combinations in Hong-
 kong and in the matter of hospi-
 tality they would also find Tarkoo
 prominent. Mr. Shaw said he
 thought that now they had played
 and been entertained by Tarkoo
 his team would agree that what
 he had said to them was quite
 justified.

During the evening an excellent
 musical programme was provided
 by the following:—Mr. and Mrs.
 McLeod and Messrs. Chetnam,
 Todd, Liang, Morrison, Syce and
 Reid.

"ROBIN HOOD."

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS'
MASTERPIECE.

Inquiries are being made as to
 what elements enter into the
 motion picture sensation, "Douglas
 Fairbanks in Robin Hood," which
 Douglas Fairbanks is bringing to
 the screen.

According to Mr. Fairbanks him-
 self, this latest of his truly epochal
 photo-plays, which is coming to
 the Coronet Theatre next Sunday
 under a United Artists release, is a
 combination of fact and fancy, a
 drama depicting the chivalrous
 and romantic spirit of the Twelfth
 Century, comprising a mixture of
 the fairy tale and a display of
 the valorous deeds of eight hundred
 years ago, that the people of to-
 day easily can grasp. It is, in
 short, the presentation of an im-
 pression inspired by historical facts
 and with a beautiful historical
 background.

It required five months to
 gather all available data on the
 Norman period before the first step
 could be taken toward actual work
 of producing the picture.
 This exhaustive research work
 was undertaken by a corps of
 recognised authorities on the
 various subjects involved and was
 headed by Dr. Arthur Woods.
 Their quest for knowledge took
 them abroad where they delved
 into all the records they could find
 and where they visited all the
 museums containing relics of that
 age. Most of their time was spent
 in England.

Besides all this personal
 investigation, it was neces-
 sary for Dr. Woods and his
 assistants to read and study
 some 150 books, dwelling on
 history, the art of war in the
 Twelfth Century, arms and armour
 costumes, archery, paintings and
 other subjects.

When came time for the
 architects, engineers, painters, art
 directors and builders in general
 to start their work of executing the
 plans this extensive research had
 inspired, they had all the available
 historical facts to guide them, but
 were still given a wide latitude for
 the legendary qualities which
 are essential to the construction of
 an "atmosphere" for such a drama.
 Therefore, so far as the story is
 concerned, it has all the imagina-
 tive charm of perfect fiction with an
 historical background, and yet
 replete with romance and thrills,
 poetic and artistic. Summed up,
 "Douglas Fairbanks in Robin
 Hood," as presented by Mr. Fair-
 banks, gives a vivid impression of
 the spirit of chivalry as it domi-
 nated England eight centuries ago.

THE ENTENTE.

HOPEFUL INDICATIONS.

FRANCE FRIENDLY.

LONDON, Sept. 19.

There is an extraordinary trans-
 formation in the French attitude
 towards England following yester-
 day's communiqué which a Paris
 semi-official describes as "a diplo-
 matic event of the highest import-
 ance." French official circles are
 evincing an optimism unparallelled
 since the occupation of the Ruhr
 pointing to a complete restora-
 tion of the Entente as an
 accomplished fact. It is under-
 stood moreover that Mr. Stanley
 Baldwin is quite satisfied with the
 results of the meeting, nevertheless
 a reserved tone characterises com-
 ments in London where, while
 pleasure is expressed at the resus-
 citation of the Entente, news-
 papers reveal past "agreements
 in principle" which questions
 of method resulted in deadlock,
 and mostly content themselves
 pending fuller information, with
 hoping subsequent events will
 justify Parisian hopefulness.

AUCTION OF STEAMER.

S.S. "WAH KIU" CHANGES
HANDS.

At Messrs. Lymington Bros.
 Auction Rooms at Duddell street
 yesterday afternoon, the wooden
 steamer ship "Wah Kiu," with a
 registered tonnage of 527½ tons
 was put up for sale by auction.
 Just as the sale was about to
 take place a man entered the
 room and asked the auctioneer,
 Mr. G. Lymington, to extend the
 sale, saying "We will pay all the
 expenses incurred." A discussion
 between three or four men then
 began and went on for nearly half
 an hour, the subject of conversa-
 tion, it was afterwards learned,
 being the advisability of buying
 the "Wah Kiu" without a motive.
 No sale was effected, however,
 and eventually the ship had to be
 disposed of under the hammer.

Bidding started at \$30,000. The
 competition was a two party affair
 and the price rose by bids of \$500
 to \$34,500, for which amount the
 "Wah Kiu" was sold to Fat Kee
 and Company.

GIRL'S CHANGED MIND.

TWO LICENCES BUT NO
WEDDING.

Changes of mind on the part of a
 father and his daughter have pro-
 duced a comedy of two marriage
 licences but no marriage.

When the first licence was issued
 by a West End registrar office the
 bride's age was described as 21,
 but the marriage was stopped by
 the girl's father on the ground that
 she was under age. After the
 bridegroom had interviewed him
 the father gave his consent. The
 would-be bride put in another
 notice to be married, but so far that
 is all that has happened.

On two occasions the marriage
 has been arranged, but each time it
 has been cancelled by the bride.
 On the last occasion her explana-
 tion was that she could not yet be
 sure of herself and wanted to know
 her fiancé better.

A singular libel action is being
 fought out in the Tientsin City
 Court. A Chinese newspaper
 correspondent wrote an account
 which was duly published in the
 vernacular paper, of alleged
 corrupt acts in the Native Customs
 at Tientsin. He said that several
 Chinese inspectors or examiners
 detected a Japanese attempting to
 smuggle morphia, and took away
 his papers, but "for consideration
 received" they liberated the man
 instead of handing him over in
 custody to the proper authority.

He quoted names, time and place,
 and said that he himself, as well as
 a Chinese officer and others, saw
 the incident. The Customs
 employees in question deny that
 any such incident happened at all,
 allege that the news reporter was
 prompted by malice, and they
 brought an action for libel. The
 newspaper was thus put upon
 proof, and the case at present
 stands adjourned to give the
 defendants an opportunity to pro-
 duce, if they can, the other
 witnesses of the alleged incident.

LAUNCH'S NEGLECT.

NO LIFE-SAVING GEAR.

For not carrying a certificated
 engineer on board and failing also
 to carry the proper life-saving gear
 the master of the steam launch
 "San Hang On" which plies across
 to Nantau was fined \$100 by the
 Marine Magistrate (Commander
 C. W. Beck with R. N.) this morning.

The evidence of Juk Inspector
 R. L. Rocha showed that a fireman
 was in charge of the launch's
 engines and no lifeboat or lifebelts
 were carried.

Commander Beckwith ordered
 that the launch should not clear
 with passengers until she had been
 reported in proper condition by the
 Government Marine Surveyor.

VERY BAD CASE.

TWELVE YEARS
FOR CHAUFFEUR.

"This is a very bad case and you
 are a very fortunate man that you
 are not standing in the dock on
 charge of wilful murder. I do not
 think there can be any doubt in the
 mind of anybody that you intended
 to take this man's life."

With this prefatory comment
 the Chief Justice (Sir William
 Davies K.C.) to-day sentenced to
 12 years imprisonment the Chinese
 chauffeur whose trial on a charge
 of having wounded an English
 money-lender named P. H. Smith
 with intent to murder him or, alter-
 natively, to do him grievous bodily
 harm, has been proceeding during
 the last two or three days. The jury
 brought in a verdict of guilty on
 the lesser count.

Mr. Campbell Prosser defended
 and the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K.
 Holmes, prosecuted.

LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI VISITORS IN
WINNING VEIN.

The Shanghai visitors defeated
 the Chinese team in the final
 lawn bowls yesterday afternoon,
 after an exciting finish. At the end
 of the 20th, each side had 20
 points to their credit. In the final
 throw the visitors scored two
 points.

The teams and detailed progres-
 sive scores follow:
 CRAGGINGTON. SHANGHAI.
 Green, No. 1. Piquand.
 Green, No. 2. Chetnam.
 Bradbury, No. 3. Shaw.
 Biss, No. 4. Reid.

Shots.	Total.	Shots.	Total.
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1	2	—	—
1	3	—	—
—	3	2	2
—	3	3	5
2	5	—	5
1	6	—	5
2	8	—	5
—	8	3	8
—	8	2	10
—	8	2	12
—	8	3	15
2	10	—	15
1	11	—	15
3	14	—	15
1	15	—	15
—	18	4	19
2	20	—	20
—	20	1	20
—	20	2	22

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ACTIVITIES.

This evening at 7 p.m. Social
 for young men.
 8 p.m. Educational lecture.
 8 p.m. First Aid Class.
 Friday, at 7:30 p.m. Debate on
 "Matrimony."
 Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Bathing
 party.
 7:30 p.m. Bible Students' enter-
 tainment.
 Sunday, at 3 p.m. Bible Study
 meeting.
 8 p.m. public meeting.
 Monday, at 7:30 p.m. Cinema.
 Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. Cinema.
 Chinese Debate on "That
 bobbed hair is improper."
 8 p.m. Social evening.
 Wednesday, 6 p.m. Moonlight
 excursion.

BOMB OUTRAGE.

FORTUNATELY NO HARM IS
DONE.

Last evening a bomb was thrown
 at the residence of the Speaker,
 Wu Ching-jen, while he latter was
 entertaining a party of guests. No
 damage resulted.—*Chinese Daily
 Bulletin.*

FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA SCORE
DECISIVE WIN.

TANKWORTH, September 19.
 South China Athletic in their
 match against New England won
 by 9 goals to 0.—*Result.*

SIXTH SENSE.

SECOND SIGHT INCIDENTS
EXTRAORDINARY.

From Notodden, in Norway,
 comes the report that a man called
 Halvorsen possesses a rare faculty
 or gift, a sixth sense, or second
 sight. He has been of service to
 the police in tracing goods that
 had been stolen and buried many
 miles distant from the scene of the
 robbery.

In one case he accurately de-
 scribed where certain articles would
 be found. Another time a valuable
 dog was lost, and the police and
 others had pursued a fruitless
 search for many days. They then
 called in the aid of Halvorsen, and
 he indicated that the dog would be
 found at the head of a long valley
 some considerable distance off.
 The searcher proceeded to the
 valley and found the dog.

THREE NORSE SEERS.

During the last forty years at
 least three other persons who pos-
 sessed this power or sense have
 become famous far beyond their
 native districts. One of these
 known as Wise Knut, was helpful
 to such a multitude of people that
 he died a lofty monument.
 Another, a man of immense distance in
 the "seer" Norse atmosphere, was
 named to his memory on the
 mountain side near his little farm
 in the Gudbrandsdal.

Another of these sixth-sense
 men, Knudsen, belonged to the
 Stordalea district, in which a
 beautiful watering-place called
 Hell is found, some distance to the
 north of Trondhjem.

The third, a younger man, by
 name John Flottum, lives at
 Singasas, about 50 miles to the
 south of Trondhjem.

The region embracing these
 three places is one which formerly
 the Lapps included in their nom-
 adic journeys, and it has been sup-
 posed that these three possessors
 of a sixth sense have Lapp blood
 in their veins, the Lapps being
 noted, like our Highlanders, for a
 gift of second sight.

On a visit to the hunting lodge
 of the late Sir Henry Seton Karr,
 M.P., of tragic memory at Singasas,
 we heard of some interesting in-
 stances of the faculty exercised by
 John Flottum—"John the Seer,"
 as he was called.

Sir Henry himself had called in
 the assistance of John to discover
 what had happened to a big bull
 elk that had been shot, but escaped,
 wounded, on to a neighbouring
 estate. The elk was found dead at
 the spot indicated by John.

The "seer" was away from
 home on the occasion of my visit,
 but I was advised to see the school-
 master, who had known Flottum
 since boyhood, and could give me
 authentic information. From him
 I learned that John, as a boy, was
 quite normal physically; and in-
 tellectually he could just hold his
 own with the average of the
 scholars.

One evening the teacher's son
 told him, quite seriously, that
 John Flottum was in league with
 the devil. He explained that a
 group of boys and girls had been
 playing hide-and-seek in the
 afternoon. When it was John's
 turn to seek he did not seek
 at all, but simply called each
 boy and girl to come out of
 their respective hiding places.
 They naturally blamed and scolded
 him for spying and cheating.
 He replied good naturedly to
 their abuse, and said that he would
 seek again if they would blindfold
 him.

They bandaged his eyes and
 placed him with his face to the
 wall, and set one of their number
 to watch if he played fair. When
 the call was given that he might
 begin to seek he did not move, but
 still facing the wall, called out
 where each of the players was
 hidden. They concluded that only
 the devil could give John such a
 gift; and they played no more that
 day.

JOHAN "THE SEER."
 Next day the teacher spoke to
 Johan, asking him how he knew
 where each player was hidden.
 He explained that he had been
 seeing things for a considerable
 time, but he thought that he was
 seeing clearer and easier lately.
 The teacher then upon slapped
 his leg and said—"Can you tell
 me what I have in this pocket?"
 The boy after a moment replied—
 "There is nothing in it but your
 purse; and in it there is a small
 key, a bronze ring, and a 25 ore
 piece!"

The correctness and promptness
 of the answer much surprised him
 so he gave Johan another test. He
 said—"I once lost a gold ring. Can
 you tell me what became of it?"

After a brief interval Johan said—
 "I see a lot of boys in the play-
 ground throwing stones at a bottle
 on the wall. They all miss it and
 then you throw a stone and miss
 too; but when the stone left your
 hand the ring flew off your finger.
 You and the boys seek for it, and
 a fat boy finds it and furtively
 pockets it. The strange thing is
 that it is our playground, and I re-
 cognise you, but I don't know any
 of the boys."

The teacher informed Johan that
 he had described the losing of the
 ring correctly. He had happened
 many years ago, but the teacher
 had never recovered the ring, and

could not now remember the fat
 boy whom Johan saw putting the
 ring in his pocket.

LOCATING A DEAD BODY.
 Johan Flottum became famous in
 connection with the disappearance
 of a man at Lille-Elvedal, 100
 miles distant from Singasas. The
 man left his house on Friday
 night at nine o'clock professing
 to visit a neighbour, but he had
 not gone to see him, and he did not
 return. On Sunday an organised
 search of the district commenced
 and continued till Wednesday,
 without any trace of the missing
 man being found.

The local teacher telephoned to
 Singasas asking if Johan Flottum
 could come to their help. Johan,
 who had never left his native parish
 before, went by train to Lille-
 Elvedal on Friday morning. He
 immediately led a body of 30 sear-
 chers up the hill, through the forest,
 to a spot several miles away, where
 the tobacco pouch and other traces
 of the man were found. There-
 after he led the way to the river
 Glommen and called for a boat;
 and half-way across a deep pool
 he rose and, pointing down, said,
 "The body is there!" Grappling
 irons were obtained and the man's
 body was found there.

THE OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION.
 When the report of the discovery
 of the dead man appeared in the
 newspapers, other instances of
 Johan's powers were given; and
 the famous author, Bjornstjerne
 Bjornson, suggested that the
 government should take the lad in
 hand and find out the nature and
 the limitations of his faculty.

He was brought to Christiania
 and placed under the observation
 of Dr. Weffring, Norway's most
 distinguished alienist and nerve
 specialist. After careful examina-
 tion and a series of most
 elaborate tests, Dr. Weffring and
 the colleague, whom he called
 called in to assist him, could only
 report that the boy was normal in
 most respects; but that he possessed,
 in a high degree, not only the
 power of clairvoyance, of finding
 things that a medium had concea-
 led or thought of, but also of finding
 lost things whose location the
 medium did not know. He could
 follow, through the most intricate
 paths, the course taken by a person
 he was set to trace; but, strangely
 enough, he was unable to continue
 if the course led over the sea or a
 wide ford or lake.

The specialists acknowledged
 that they could not explain Johan's
 faculty; but they suggested that
 precautions should be taken so
 that the boy might be allowed to
 develop normally until he had
 ceased growing; and especially
 that he should not mean-while be
 exposed to exploitation by out-
 siders.

The suggestion was willingly
 adopted by Flottum's widowed
 mother, and the Singasas teacher,
 doctor, minister, and magistrate
 have since then had Johan under
 their friendly care.

John is now upwards of twenty
 years of age, a sturdy peasant,
 and many local instances might be
 given of the recovery of articles
 mislaid or lost, the detection of
 thieves and poachers, each case
 being different in its way, but
 no degree helping to explain the
 phenomenon. And one can easily
 understand that unless the
 Singasas policeman and the local
 magistrate had other duties to per-
 form than that of maintaining
 order in the district, their posts
 would be insecure.

WIRELESS POST.

FOLLOWING A BRITISH
EXAMPLE.

The German Government is in-
 stituting a service of wireless
 letters from Germany to New York.
 They are thus following the ex-
 ample of the Marconi Company,
 who have been running a wireless
 letter service between England
 and the United States for some
 months.

An official at the General Post
 Office stated that it was a simple
 matter to send wireless letters
 from Germany to the United States.
 "Germany's high-power station
 at Nauzen is probably the most
 powerful in the world," he said,
 "and has a wave-length of 4,000
 metres. We shall also be able to
 send wireless letters to the United
 States when the Post Office has con-
 structed its high-power station at
 Rugby, which will be quite as
 powerful as the Nauzen station."

A Moscow cable denies the
 report that Herr Stinnes, who was
 alleged to be after certain conces-
 sions, is in Moscow.

Chronic Diarrhoea.

Are you subject to attacks of diar-
 rhoea? Keep absolutely quiet for a few
 days, rest in bed if possible, be careful of
 your diet and take Chamberlain's Colic,
 and Diarrhoea Remedy. This method
 has cured cases of chronic diar-
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WAR ON BARE ARMS.

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ON GIRL.

The severe drubbings given in
 June to a gang of men who style
 themselves "The Zealots of
 Christ" and in carrying out a war
 against what they call "the cor-
 ruption of public morals" attacked
 in daylight women with low-
 necked frocks or bare

THE NUNS OF TIBET.

"SHE WHO HEARS THE CRIES OF ALL THE WORLD."

Miles beyond the great ramparts of snowy peaks separating the two Buddhist States of Sikkim and Tibet, far from the cares and worries of this world, among the rising crags of a prominent range of mountains that rise out of the arid plains to the north of Gyantse little white specks may be seen nesting on the highest rocky cliffs. These white specks, says the *Englishman*, are the abode of the Nuns of Tibet in the monastery dedicated to the Goddess Dolma. "She who hears the cries of all the world."

These brave women, forsaking the world with all its alluring pleasures, its cares and its joys, have given up their lives to a calling which is as pure and whole-hearted as those of the Sisters of Mercy. Births and deaths appeal to them, for they mean pain, and to heal and alleviate suffering are the factors that have made them take the vow of renunciation from all things worldly.

Dressed in their red buks (lamaistic robes) barefooted and with shaved heads, covered with a long-haired sheepskin cap dyed a bright red, they go about their duties in the monastery and where suffering and pain calls them, aiding and succouring the sick and dying. Their lives are devoted to the services of the Goddess Dolma, she who, like the Virgin Mary of the Christians, commands the respect and love of the Tibetans.

They live their quiet secluded lives in the quiet monastery, carrying out similar monastic duties as those allotted to the monks of the larger monasteries of Tashilumpo, Shigatse and Sera.

DUTY AND LOVE.
Their life is frugal as their lives are bare and, as they enjoy duty and love to the children, they practise what they preach towards their good Abbess, an old woman of many summers with a kindly face and soul, whose days are not long before she too, like her predecessors, will lie on the lap of Dolma in the love and peace which passeth all understanding, and for which she has striven all the days of her life.

Visitors are allowed to see the monastery and are treated with every respect and courtesy; they are given the seat of honour in the carved chair placed in the end of the large reception hall and regaled to a repast of Tibetan barley cakes and butter tea (chae). Neither are very tempting, but so persistent are the good nuns in their kindness to show their hospitality that it would be churlish indeed to disappoint them.

The tea over, they gather round and ask many questions of the outer world of which they know nothing, and are ready to answer any questions, but to them regarding their calling and work. They know Lhasa and they have heard about Hindustan and its capital Calcutta, for the Incarnation of the Lord Buddha, the Dalai Lama, visited it to see the great Lord Sahib (Curzon), but of England and other countries they have heard nothing, and to them they did not exist till they are told of them, when they are filled with amazement. If the stranger be a white man they are filled with curiosity to learn of the manners, customs and the worship of his land. The children collect around him with open mouths, thinking him to be one of the Gods from one of the Heavens of Buddhist faith. Daily calls are made on the services of these good nuns; from far and wide messengers arrive with a request from some dying peasant in a distant Yak-haired tent. "Will the good sisters come with prayers and nursing to help him on his journey to the great beyond?" The request is never refused.

The bell rings in the great carved hall of the monastery and the nuns assemble and are told off by the Abbess to their daily duties. Four are chosen to answer the distant call. Barefooted, with a small valise strapped to their backs and a stout staff in their hands they report themselves to the Abbess who reads a short prayer for them and sends them off with her blessing. The journey is of many days and nights and the dangers from the wild beasts on the plains are great, but this does not deter them; rain, hail or snow do not hinder them from plodding over the weary waste; they live on what they carry in their valises, never soliciting alms, accepting what is offered them and blessing the donor. At night the open plain is their bed and on it they lie in perfect faith and trust, giving their lives in the keeping of the Goddess Dolma.

ADORATION OF ANIMALS.
Children love them, the animals adore them, and the birds worship them. Early in the morning strings of animals climb the steep paths to the monastery, going from cell to cell, begging a handful of grain. They are never denied. They wander among the good nuns, receiving a walk here, a tress there before returning to their home in the wilds. The birds come to the monastery to sit on the walls, the larger ones to rest in their flight, south, east or west and none are driven away. The smaller birds, walk about

the enclosure picking up the grains scattered for them, while the still smaller ones wait for the coming of the good sisters and on their appearance fly to them, perching on their shoulders or arms, feeding from the grain held in the palms of the hand. It is an amazing, incredible sight till actually seen.

The time for the departure of the visitor arrives. The sonorous tone of the monastery bell peals out over the monastery and the plain; the nuns hurry from their cells to assemble in the chapel to make their obeisance before the image of Dolma and her attendant Avatars, beautifully moulded in brass, before whom the silver butter lamps burn. The chanting of a short hymn begins and ends; the visitor is invited in and led to a carved seat near the altar, and looking round the great hall sees wonderful woven scrolls with the images of the Saints hanging from the rafters; before him seated on the bare floor are the nuns absorbed in prayer turning, ever turning their prayer wheels. The Abbess enters and conducts the service which is called "The blessing of Departure," and in clear bell-like voices the hymn of blessing fills every crevice and corner of the chapel.

The service over, the Abbess beckons to the stranger to approach. With bowed head he stands before her while she pronounces the benediction, holding her two hands over his head. It is a very high honour, is this two-handed blessing and none receive it who have not earned the faith and trust of the nuns during their visit to the monastery.

A visit to the monastery fills one with wonder and amazement by its very unexpectedness; and as the traveller rides over the dreary plain, his thoughts go back to these good Tibetan nuns who have forsaken father and mother, sisters and brothers, to devote their lives to the service of the goddess Dolma. As the miles stretch out further and further between the monastery and the traveller, he is impelled to glance back once more at the white abodes nestled among the high crags. Baring his head, he sends up a silent prayer in that waste waste of arid plain, for the protection and prosperity of the nuns of the Monastery of Dolma "who hear the cries of all the world."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Although he continues to be the Chairman, Sir John Denison Pender has just laid down the managing directorship of the Eastern Telegraph Co., which he has held for so many years, and jointly with Admiral Grant since 1918. Sir John's son, Mr. J. C. Denison Pender succeeds him. Sir John Denison Pender has had an interesting career. It may, indeed, be said that he was cradled in submarine telegraphy, for his father takes us right back to the days when the laying of deep-sea cables was considered a wonderful engineering feat. Sir John succeeded his father in 1893 as managing director of the various companies in the Eastern group, and is thus the third generation to be at the head of the group.

Writing in a contemporary on the war graves in France, Mr. J. M. N. Jeffries says: "There was that curious small cemetery at the back of Alette, which I found more by accident than anything, where lie Hindu and Chinese coolies and other Asiatics and one German. Some Chinese were Christian from the crosses above their graves; most have wooden headpieces like staves. On these are written generally: 'Unknown Chinese Coolie.' And then some gang-leaders must have gone to his ancestors, and some friend who knew a little English came to his resting-place and determined justice should be done, for a large memorial stands there and on it is written: 'The Well-known Li Ching Ching.'"

The Duke of York, as President, and the Duchess of York attended a garden party given by the Overseas League on July 27, in the gardens of the Royal Botanic Society of London at Regent's Park, at which the guests included quite a fair number of Straits Settlements and Hongkong people. One of the reporters thinks that the Duchess of York did not get very much tea, for so many people wanted to be introduced to her, and at tea-time Sir Ernest Birch and the Earl of Strathmore kept her so busy chatting that she seemed to have no time. Or, perhaps, the conversation was so interesting that she didn't want to eat. Anyhow, we are told, she was almost like a flower herself, in her drab beige lace gown, and big white crinoline hat, with a large pink rose tucked just under the brim, almost kissing her cheek. Everyone was charmed. Amongst those present were Lord and Lady Inchcape, the Hon. W. O. Murray-Gore, M.P., and Lady Beatrice Ormsby-Gore, Sir Ernest Birch, Lady Des Voeux, Lieutenant-General Sir Travers and Lady Clarke, Sir Claude Severn, and Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, etc.

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JAVA PORTS, etc.

Sept. 21.—O. N. Tjakrawanti.
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INDIAN PORTS, etc.

Sept. 22.—R. I. Taka.
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PENANG.

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BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

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VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

HONGKONG'S GREATEST NEEDS.

WHAT ARE THEY?

CHINA MAIL'S BIG FREE EVENT.

This week the China Mail's voting contest takes a new form. What are Hongkong's ten greatest needs? Name them in their order and win our \$50 prize.

Nineteen different urgent local needs are named below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list, but to select the ten most popular items from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name nineteen different urgent local needs. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. Bathing Beaches
2. Bigger Police Force
3. Constitutional Reform
4. Harbour Bridge
5. Harbour Development
6. Harbour Tunnel
7. Housing Scheme
8. International Racecourse
9. Larger Ferries
10. Military Lands
11. Modern Theatre
12. Municipal Band
13. Municipal Playgrounds
14. Museum & Picture Gallery
15. New City Hall
16. Rents Board
17. Stadium
18. Typhoon Life-Saving Gear
19. Water Supply

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1923.
Sir,

I consider the following the ten most urgent local needs placed in the order in which I think they are needed most:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which is a dose of castor oil will usually cure the most stubborn cases of dysentery. It is especially good for summer diarrhoea in children. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.



Nine-year-old Joseph Genatt, Jr., with his brother and another lad, threw stones at these two huge Great Danes, belonging to Otto Bentz, who owns Floral Park, a picnic ground, at North Bergen. With terrible swiftness the dogs bore down on Joseph and tore him to death, a hundred terror-stricken eye-witnesses being unable to drive them away. Bentz, shown here with his dogs, was arrested on a manslaughter charge, but says he will not kill his dogs unless the authorities force him to do so.



Bobby Niles, 14-year-old "poor little rich boy," of New York, wasn't allowed to play around with "the gang." So Bobby just disappeared from his mother's luxurious home on Riverside Drive. He tried to get a job, but had no official working papers. He fell in with a kindly chauffeur, who "staked" the youngster to a few dollars. Then Bobby made friends with some boys of his own age, who were thrilled at the thought he had run away from home and who let him live in their shack, in the upper West Side, feeding him for several weeks with food they smuggled from their homes. Finally, after eight weeks Bobby was recognized and returned to his mother. His independence won him the right to go camping for the rest of the Summer, and he has promised to return and begin his studies to become a lawyer.



Siegfried Wagner

Siegfried Wagner, son of Richard Wagner, the famous German composer, will come to New York next season to conduct the first production of his successful opera, 'Der Brennhaut.'



Mrs. Mildred Whalley Metz

Mrs. Mildred Whalley Metz, formerly a society belle, of Auburn who unsuccessfully tried to divorce her husband, Charles Walter Metz, son of the former automobile king, of Waltham, has shocked her friends by announcing that she actually suffered from hunger, both before and after she and her husband separated. She charged her husband gave her only \$15 a week.



Mrs. Irene O'Donnell

Mrs. Irene O'Donnell was arrested, with her two children, her husband and three other men, charged with being at the head of a gang of counterfeiters who were making bogus silver dollars and half dollars.



Howard Notman

Although he possesses the largest collection of preserved insects in the Western Hemisphere, Howard Notman, continues his quest for rare specimens. The photographer caught the entomologist examining a Curibus beetle, an almost extinct species of which he found under a rock on the top of Altyn Mountain, in a Glacier National Park of Montana. Mr. Notman will remain in the Rockies all Summer, adding to his collection of 75,000 insects, which he has been gathering since boyhood. He has 5,000 varieties of beetles.



Frankie Bailey

This picture of Frankie Bailey was taken when the famous chorus girl, with "The Million Dollars Legs," was the highest paid stage figure in the United States because of her wonderfully shapely figure. New York raved about her beauty when she was with Weber and Field, "Ye Olden Days." Now, her health gone and her beauty marred by age, Frankie Bailey, known to every patron of the stage of two decades ago, is working as a clerk in a drug store in Los Angeles. For years she served as a clerk in a cigar store in the famous Plafiron Building in Broadway, New York, near the scene of her stage triumphs.



Ruth Lamson

Mark Twain's birthplace, at Florida, is to become a memorial park, a literary shrine to America's greatest humorist. To 16-year-old Ruth Lamson, daughter of Frank Lamson, is due credit for starting the movement. She went to Florida on a camping trip and returned home with an enthusiastic account of "Dad" Violet, who bought the Twain homestead just as wreckers were getting ready to tear it down. Moving it to his property across the road, he furnished it according to the Twain period. She interested her father in the project, and Violet consented to give the property for a park if the State would guarantee its upkeep. Then the Mark Twain Memorial Park Association was formed on the spot.



Walter S. Ward

Walter S. Ward, son of a multi-millionaire baker, is shown on his way to the courthouse to surrender second indictment charging him with murder in the first degree for a killing Clarence Peters, a shiftless oaf before, but the indictment was dismissed without trial. The clamour this act caused forced Governor Smith to order Attorney General Sherman and Supreme Court Justice Wagner to call a second Grand Jury, which re-indicted the young millionaire. The real story of the killing has never been told, Ward having contented himself with declaring he killed Peters when the latter tried to blackmail him.



Julian D. Baker & the Modesty

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The zero of the table corresponds with the mean of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart which has been found to be 4 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide ranges at the Victoria Naval Yard add 4 feet 4 inches, and on the range 1 Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 1 foot to the height given in the table.

September 10 to 16, 1923.

High Water Low Water

Standard Time Height Hongkong Standard Time Height

Mon. 10 8 22 7 2 11 11 50

Tue. 11 9 13 8 1 12 12 45

Wed. 12 10 04 9 0 1 1 40

Thurs. 13 10 55 9 50 2 0 30

Fri. 14 11 46 10 40 3 0 15

Sat. 15 12 37 11 30 4 0 0

Sun. 16 1 28 12 20 5 0 0

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WEATHER REPORT.

Sept. 20d. 11h. 30m.—Pressure has decreased slightly at Wadivostok and at Guam. It has increased slightly over the Philippines and Kwangtung and is nearly stationary at other reporting stations.

An anticyclone is shown over S.E. Mongolia and N.E. China, and a depression or typhoon to the North of Guam.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 83.94 inches, against an average of 77.74 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on September 21, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh.

2.—South coast of China between Hainan and Loochow. N.E. winds, moderate; sea to choppy.

3.—Hongkong to Cap. Rock. N.E. winds, moderate; sea to choppy.

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Station Hour Barometer at Sea Level Temperature Humidity Direction Force

Wadivostok 11.30.04 49 N 8 0

Yokohama 11.30.04 49 N 8 0

Kobe 11.30.04 49 N 8 0

Manila 11.30.04 49 N 8 0

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